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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Previously Presented): A process for preparation of amorphous donepezil hydrochloride, which comprises:
 - a) dissolving donepezil hydrochloride in a mixture of an alcohol and a chlorinated solvent; and
 - b) removing the solvents from the solution;

wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, tert-butyl alcohol and n-butyl alcohol and the chlorinated solvent is selected from the group consisting of chloroform, methylene dichloride, carbontetrachloride and ethylene dichloride.

- (Previously Presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the solvents are removed by vacuum drying.
- 3. (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 3 1, wherein the solvents are removed by spray drying.
- 4. (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 3 1, wherein the alcohol is methanol or ethanol and the chlorinated solvent is methylene dichloride or chloroform.
- 5. (New): A process for preparation of amorphous donepezil hydrochloride, which comprises:
 - a) dissolving donepezil hydrochloride in a mixture of an alcohol and a chlorinated solvent; and
- removing the solvents from the solution;
 wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol and ethanol, and the chlorinated solvent is chloroform.

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- 6. (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the solvents are removed by vacuum drying.
- 7. (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the solvents are removed by spray drying.